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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

7. (Amended) A soft candy according to claim 1 wherein, the specific gravity of the finished product is less than 1.3.
8. (Amended) A soft candy according to claim 1 wherein, said emulsifier is sucrose fatty acid ester and/or sorbitan fatty acid ester.
9. (Amended) A soft candy according to claim 1 wherein, moisture content is 5-10 wt%.